

Amendment

Kindly amend the claims as follows:

1-29. (Cancelled)

30. (Currently Amended) A method for protecting an object against a rocket propelled grenade, comprising:

- a) providing a net formed from interconnecting net strands of plastic fibres and defining a net mesh configured such that a rocket propelled grenade will be disabled by deformation of a nose cone of the rocket propelled grenade when the nose cone enters one of the sections of net mesh; and
- b) disposing the net, in a generally stationary manner relative to the protected object, between the protected object and the rocket propelled grenade.

31. (previously presented) A method according to claim 30 further comprising deforming the nose cone of the rocket propelled grenade.

32. (currently amended) A method according to claim 30 comprising disposing the net at least 500mm from the protected object.

33. (currently amended) A method according to claim 30 in which the protected object is a vehicle, further comprising supporting the net by a frame structure and attaching the frame structure to at the vehicle.

34. (previously presented) A method according to claim 33 comprising arranging the frame structure such that it disposes the net at least 500mm from the vehicle.

35. (currently amended) A method according to claim 30 comprising identifying the threat posed by an incoming rocket propelled grenade; determining the maximum circumference of the rocket propelled grenade; and selecting the circumference of the net mesh such that it is smaller than the maximum circumference of the rocket propelled grenade which the net is intended to defend against.

36. (previously presented) A method according to claim 35 comprising selecting the circumference of the net mesh such that it is less than, or equal to, two-thirds of the maximum circumference of the rocket propelled grenade which the net is intended to defend against.

37. (previously presented) A method according to claim 30 comprising supporting the net by a rigid support member.

38. (previously presented) A method according to claim 31 in which the act of deforming the nose cone of the rocket propelled grenade comprises strangulating the nose cone.

39. (new) A method according to claim 30 further comprising supporting the net by a frame structure in an open condition at all times following launch of the rocket propelled grenade.

40. (new) A method according to claim 30 further comprising supporting the net by a frame structure to the protected object and attaching the frame structure to the protected object.